

1-1 By: Springer (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 2504
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2019;
 1-3 May 13, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 16, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 16, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to candidates nominated by convention.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 141, Election Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 141.041 to read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 141.041. FILING FEE OR PETITION TO APPEAR ON BALLOT FOR
 1-24 GENERAL ELECTION FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS. (a) In addition
 1-25 to any other requirements, to be eligible to be placed on the ballot
 1-26 for the general election for state and county officers, a candidate
 1-27 who is nominated by convention under Chapter 181 or 182 must:
 1-28 (1) pay a filing fee to the secretary of state for a
 1-29 statewide or district office or the county judge for a county or
 1-30 precinct office; or
 1-31 (2) submit to the secretary of state for a statewide or
 1-32 district office or the county judge for a county or precinct office
 1-33 a petition in lieu of a filing fee that satisfies the requirements
 1-34 prescribed by Subsection (e) and Section 141.062.
 1-35 (b) The amount of the filing fee is the amount prescribed by
 1-36 Section 172.024 for a candidate for nomination for the same office
 1-37 in a general primary election.
 1-38 (c) A filing fee received by the secretary of state shall be
 1-39 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue
 1-40 fund.
 1-41 (d) A filing fee received by the county judge shall be
 1-42 deposited in the county treasury to the credit of the county general
 1-43 fund.
 1-44 (e) The minimum number of signatures that must appear on the
 1-45 petition authorized by Subsection (a) is the number prescribed by
 1-46 Section 172.025 to appear on a petition of a candidate for
 1-47 nomination for the same office in a general primary election.
 1-48 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
 1-49 implement this section.
 1-50 SECTION 2. Section 181.005, Election Code, is amended by
 1-51 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
 1-52 (c) A political party is entitled to have the names of its
 1-53 nominees placed on the general election ballot, without qualifying
 1-54 under Subsection (a) or (b), if the party had a nominee for a
 1-55 statewide office who received a number of votes equal to at least
 1-56 two percent of the total number of votes received by all candidates
 1-57 for that office at least once in the five previous general
 1-58 elections.
 1-59 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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